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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Jocelyn D. Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Posting Notice for Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(v)(Supp. 2010), Alpine Utilities, Inc., by and through its undersigned counsel, respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina post the attached "Notice of Request for Allowable Ex Parte Briefing" on its website no later than April 12, 2011.¹ The undersigned has confirmed that the Commissioners and Commission employees identified in the attached Notice, as well as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee, are available and willing to attend the Briefing as described in the attached Notice.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.


John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/ct
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Robin Dial
J. Donald Dial, Jr., Esquire
Honorable C. Dukes Scott
Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire

¹ I would note that although there is a proceeding involving Alpine Utilities, Inc. pending before the Commission in Docket No. 2011-65-S, no hearing has been noticed or scheduled therein. Cf. S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-260(C)(6)(vi-vii). However, should the Commission determine that a hearing in that docket is necessary, it would need to be scheduled on or after May 9, 2011 in order to accommodate the instant request.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE BRIEFING

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-260(C)(6)(a)(v)(Supp. 2010), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby provides the following notice of a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing:

Person or Party Requesting the Briefing:

Alpine Utilities, Inc. ("Company").

Date and Time of the Proposed Briefing:

April 18, 2011 commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners and Commission Employees
Requested to Attend Briefing:

Chairman John E. "Butch" Howard, Vice Chairman David A. Wright, and Commissioners Randy Mitchell, Elizabeth B. "Lib" Fleming, G. O'Neal Hamilton, Nikiya "Nikki" M. Hall and Swain E. Whitfield, Chief Clerk/ Administrator Jocelyn D. Boyd and the following Commission Staff Members: General Counsel Joseph M. Melchers, Senior Counsel F. David Butler, Executive Assistant Dr. James Spearman, Senior Audit Advisor Tom Ellison, and Audit Advisor Lynn Ballentine.

Subject Matter to Be Discussed at Briefing:

Actions the Company has taken to maintain and improve service since the Commission issued Order No. 2008-759, in Docket No. 2008-190-S, dated November 6, 2008.

Commission Docket No.:

Not applicable.